

9. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1, wherein the detergent is contained in a composition additionally comprising one or more monovalent cations, chelating agents or reducing agents.

10. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1, wherein the detergent is used in alkaline solution.

11. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 10] claim 1, wherein the solid support is particulate.

13. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 12] claim 1, wherein the solid support has a hydrophobic surface.

14. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 13] claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid is eluted from the support, following separation from the sample.

16. (Amended) A kit for isolating nucleic acid from a sample, comprising a solid support and one or more detergents as defined in claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 13].